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Applicant : Jong Y. Lee
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Title : PURIFIED HUMAN ERYTHROPOIETIN RECEPTOR PROTEIN
FRAGMENT AND ANTIBODIES DERIVED THEREFROM

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Examiner: D. Fitzgerald

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Examiner's action mailed June 14, 1999, please amend the application, as follows:

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Twice amended) A purified human erythropoietin receptor polypeptide consisting [essentially] of about amino acid 25 to about amino acid 250 of the full length human erythropoietin receptor protein of SEQ ID NO:5, said human erythropoietin receptor polypeptide being capable of binding human erythropoietin, wherein said polypeptide is non-glycosylated.

REMARKS

Claim 3 was amended to remove the term "essentially" and to add a particular sequence identifier. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments, which raise no new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and place the application in better condition for allowance and/or appeal. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 3 and 5.

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